

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following the Department of Water Resource’s initial announcement of a 5 percent water allocation for San Joaquin Valley Farmers, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) made the following statement.

“This is the worst news our farmers, farm workers and farm communities could have been told today. The water crisis has devastated our local economy and put thousands of Valley residents out of work. For the past 18 months, Congressman Cardoza and I have worked tirelessly to bring relief to our Valley. We have been able to secure funding for twenty-five water projects, pass legislation to ease water transfers, and continue to press for short, mid and long-term solutions to this crisis. Today’s news is unacceptable. We need immediate action from both Governor Schwarzenegger and President Obama to ensure a stable water supply for Valley farms and cities this growing season.”